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Books are not made for furniture, but there is nothing else that so beautifully furnishes a house. . . . Give us a home furnished with books rather than furniture.—Henry Ward Beecher.

CARRYING ON THE FIGHT

Hawaii's three-year campaign against free sugar, which will be made necessary if the Wilson-Underwood bill passes congress, should be conducted on the basis of an appeal to reason going as directly as possible from the people of Hawaii to the people of the mainland.

Hawaii emerged from the "lobby probe" with colors flying and honor untarnished because the men who represented Hawaii were able to show that they bore credentials from the people, that their campaign was a personal fight, that every person in Hawaii has a personal interest in the prosperity of sugar, that the letters that went from here were bona-fide.

Hawaii did not play on manufactured interest or on a factitious sentiment. Hawaii went into the fight with entire sincerity. And we have the facts to back every argument against free sugar, or a disastrous slash in the duty.

A reading of the testimony taken before the Overman committee shows unmistakably that Hawaii's strongest argument is in the fact that the sugar industry here affects every man, woman or child in this territory, that it does not mean the fortunes of a few, but the livelihood of all.

And Hawaii's strongest argument to the country, to the people who will determine the action of congress two years from now and four years from now, will be just this argument. The campaign material should go to the mainland directly from the people of this territory, or from mainlanders vitally interested in the welfare of this territory.

POLITICS THAT SMELLS

There is a distinctly unsavory smell to the proposed Democratic deal exposed yesterday, by which Supervisor S. C. Hardesty may resign from the office to which he was elected to take a more remunerative job in the city's employ.

Mr. Hardesty has been a dissatisfied supervisor almost ever since he was elected. Several explanations have been given for his state of mind, the most likely of which is that he has found that being a city official interferes with his profits as a contractor. This situation was brought forcibly to his mind some months ago when the Star-Bulletin ventilated the story of a city job that he took in violation of the law. The engineer very properly refused to approve his bill, under authority of the act which prohibits a public official directly or indirectly being interested in public work. Since that time Hardesty has intimated frequently that he considered resigning. There is no doubt that the law is a serious embarrassment to him, for he is shut out from participating in all other public work. This, however, is not the fault of the law nor the fault of the office to which he was elected. It is a wise provision that keeps public officials from fingering public work. The people do not want supervisors in office who will parcel out work among themselves, pass on the work themselves, and approve the warrants to pay themselves.

There is a good deal of sympathy for Hardesty, because people know that he went into office exceedingly ignorant of its demands and its restrictions. His private business undoubtedly has suffered, but in the kind of language that he will naturally appreciate, he "hasn't a kick coming." He should have thought of these things before going on the stump in the last campaign and telling the voters what a good and efficient supervisor he was going to be. Honolulu is passing out of that municipal stage where public office can be held by men who overlook the small but important points of their sworn obligation to the people, and Hardesty happens to be one of the men whose personal interests are damaged by the changing order. Yet the order will continue to change until the city government reaches a higher plane of efficiency and of thoroughly honest service to the people. We do not for a moment challenge the honest intention, so far as the handling of the city's finances goes, of any member of the present board. By honest service we mean honesty in administering the affairs of the city without an eye to personal gain of any sort, or to selfish profits of any sort, whether financial or political.

Road Supervisor Smiddy's dismissal and the

frank admission that Hardesty has been considering getting Smiddy's job are the things that make Hardesty's expected resignation smell so unsavory. They emphasize the manner in which the city road department is being used as the football of petty partisan politics, a point on which the Star-Bulletin has a good deal more to say and proposes to say it very soon.

The thing that smells worst of all is that Hardesty is apparently using the office to which he was elected as a lever to get himself a fat position in the city service. Lest there be any doubt about this, remember what Hardesty said in an interview with this paper yesterday.

He admitted freely that some time ago he asked the mayor to promise him the appointment of superintendent of Kapiolani park, a position which carries \$150 a month salary. This, it is stated, the mayor refused to do. He also freely admits that he has been fighting Road Supervisor Smiddy, and that while he hasn't been promised Smiddy's job, he is willing to take it. He also admits that he will be glad to get out of his office as supervisor.

It looks very much as if Hardesty is merely staying in his elective office until he can pry a fat salary loose from the city treasury. It looks very much as if his influence as a supervisor is largely devoted to lining up a good job, and that when this is done, his resignation will be forthcoming.

This is the kind of politics that smells, and the apparent consent of certain other members of the board in the Hardesty program is offensive to plenty of Democratic as well as Republican nostrils.

Kaiser Wilhelm, at his twenty-fifth anniversary jubilee, makes the official declaration that he hopes for twenty-five years of peace. Simultaneously Germany bans from circulation a book painting in terribly vivid colors the horrors of war, and simultaneously also official indorsement is given the inflammatory volume of the Crown Prince. All of which brings to mind that remark about "kings don't need to be consistent."

Evidently the sugar outlook isn't worrying the Democratic supervisors, for they are raising salaries right along and have just plunged in automobiles to the tune of a good many thousand dollars. It's a much-abused city official now who hasn't been given an auto.

Washington (D. C.) Herald: "In all fairness it must be said that, if any attempt has been made to mislead congress and the country on the sugar question, it has started primarily with the advocates of free sugar."

The Mexican chamber of deputies has been presented with a demand for the impeachment of Huerta, but the maker of the demand had the clear-headedness to be in New York at the time.

We don't know or care a whoop about Senator Hitchcock's kick on the tobacco provision, but we are mighty glad to see him bucking free sugar.

With the prospects of free sugar, and meat holding its own, it may appear to some that there exists a conspiracy in restraint of eating.

The Democratic congress on the mainland and the Democratic board of supervisors here are making a lot of Republican votes.

The gentleman who used the telephone to impersonate a congressman evidently relied on Wall street connections.

The young chap who preferred his sweetheart to a \$10,000 check has created an opportunity to make good financially.

This is the kind of weather when a man wishes he had the courage to dress comfortably.

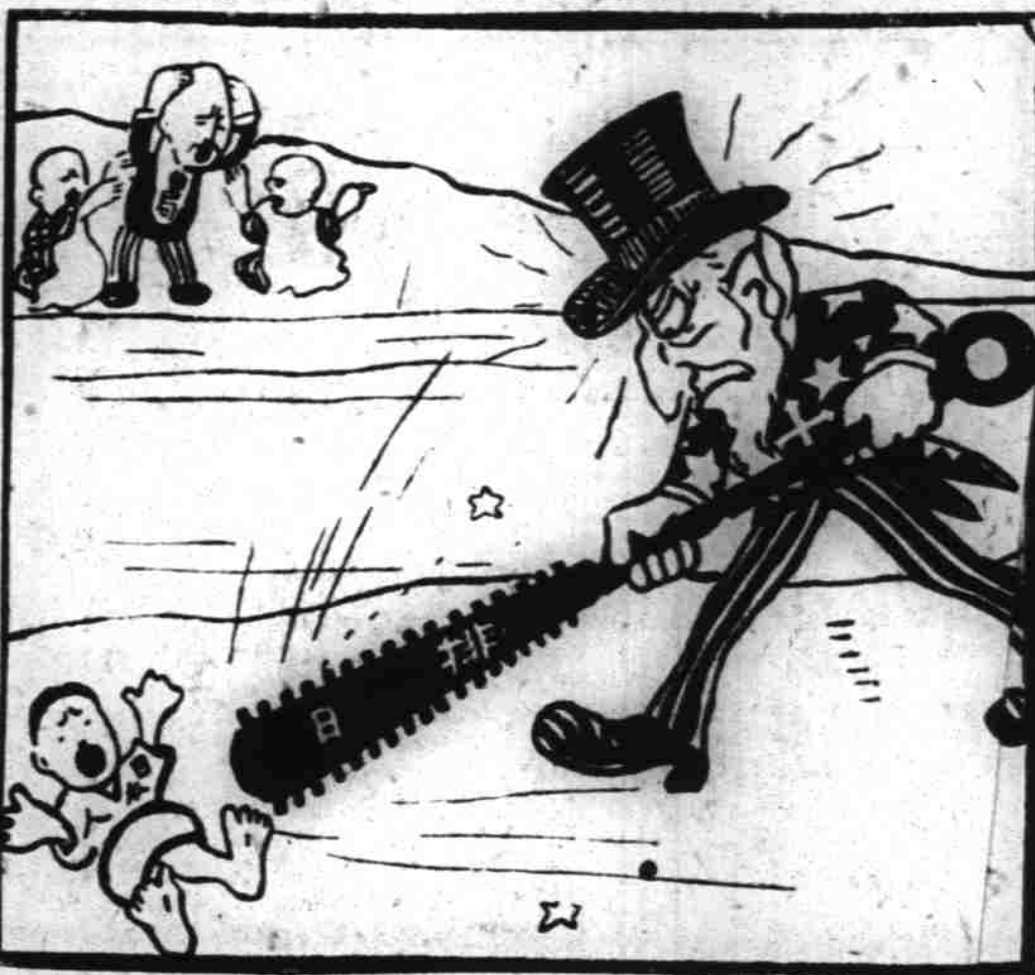
The latest battleship leak, we are glad to learn, is not in the bureau at Washington.

Moving-pictures of Gen. Ojeda show a long, gray blur on the Sonora desert.

William Jennings is not the only Nebraskan who can jump over the traces.

They are trying to stir up Harriman's shade again.

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Letters or TIMELY TOPICS

[The Star-Bulletin invites free and frank discussion in this column on all legitimate subjects of current interest. Communications are constantly received to which no signature is attached. This paper will treat as confidential signatures to letters if the writers so desire, but cannot give space to anonymous communications.]

MEETING THE SUGAR CRISIS

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin,
Sir:

HOW TO SAVE THE SUGAR INDUSTRY OF HAWAII

It is the consensus of opinion of plantation men who know this business from A to Z, that two things must be done if this industry is to be saved from utter ruin.

In the first place a cut must be made in the wages of every man on the plantations, from the managers down. For it is the rank-and-file of toady pay high wages when the industry is going to ruin.

Contracts that permit the men to make from \$45.00 to \$60.00 per month

will also have to be cut out. All extravagance and waste will have to be cut out.

More economical methods, and more labor saving devices will have to be used, and the waste products will have to be attended to.

In regard to the cut in wages, the Japanese have known that it must come for a long time past and no doubt are wondering why it has not been done.

The managers and others must also know that such high wages as they have been getting cannot be paid them as they have been doing during flush times.

Indeed it is a question with many of them whether they are to get lower wages or nothing at all, and the same is true of many of the men.

This may be unfortunate but it must be done.

Indeed, the low price sugar calls for this reduction to something of the cut in the tariff which is a foregone conclusion and must be reckoned with.

Yours very truly,

SERVER.

Personal Mention

JOHN MARCALEINO, clerk in Judge Whitney's court, left in the Mongolia this morning for a month's visit to San Francisco and other California cities.

W. L. WHITNEY, judge of the juvenile and land courts, was a departing passenger for San Francisco in the Mongolia this morning. Accompanied by his wife he will visit in eastern cities for several weeks before returning to Honolulu.

ARCHIE WONG WAI, a school teacher of Papeete, Hawaii, departed on the Mongolia, sailing at noon today. He is on his way to Dayton, Ohio, where he will enter the repair and agents' training schools of the National Cash Register Co.

GOVERNOR FREAR is expected to return tomorrow from Waihole, but as tomorrow is a holiday he probably will handle no official matters. One of the most important features requiring attention is the selection of a successor to Emil A. Berndt, secretary of the board of harbor commissioners, who declined to accept reappointment when his term expired June 30.

HAWAII PUTS BACK FOR THE SECOND TIME

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hurried back to Honolulu. All night the crew worked bending the new sail, and when they ran out of gear they woke up Mate Blackstone of the Kukul, at the witching hour of 2 a. m., to assist them.

The early morning hours saw the task completed, so Captain King and company rushed up town for a hot breakfast, and then were under way again at 8:37. Fifteen miles off Koko Head, on a southeast course, and fairly flying over the swells, the jib went the way of the mainsail and jib topsail. The staysail, threatened to spell reefing.

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was scrapped and burned in San Francisco harbor last summer. Dewey was then a captain, and the Pensacola was his flagship. The other two members of the veterans' committee, E. C. Paul and C. J. Dutreux, both were in the battle of Manila Bay. All three committeemen are members of Nelson A. Miles Camp No. 10.

It is expected that San Francisco and vicinity will produce at least 30 veterans who can qualify for places on the guard.

Canada is appropriating money liberally for school purposes, according to Miss Anna Tolman Smith, of the United States bureau of education. "The older provinces, like the long-settled states of the union," says Miss Smith, "are readjusting their systems of public education to the new conditions growing out of modern industrial life; while the newer provinces are striving to build up adequate systems that shall include the best of the old and new in education."

Safety for Valuables

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